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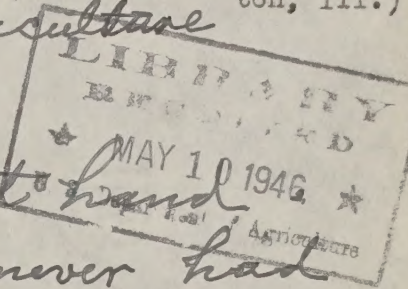
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Gentlemen Your letter of Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> at hand.

In answer to same will say that I never had a commercial Nut tree Nursery, sold only the surplus which I could not use to people in the neighborhood. - My holdings are all in one inclosure of 236 acres and located in Bates County Mo. drainage district No 1. - As the drainage district contains 40,000 acres its length 23 1/2 miles all good black soil, it looked to me like a good place to invest my savings, my desire was a good corn farm but this turned out to be a pitiful failure the <sup>water</sup> comes quicker and goes down quicker but ruins all farm crops just the same.

The natural wild seedlings pecan trees saved my investment of which I had 1000 trees all over 50 years old, having put in 14 years as a boy and young man in a fruit tree ornamental tree shrubs and roses Nursery known as Phoenix Nursery Bloomington Ill. come handy to me, I have at this time 1000 bearing seedling pecan trees averaging 2 ft in diameter and 3000 grafted pecan trees from 6 to 50 ft high about 1/2 of them bearing besides 22 wild plum clumps grafted and budded to Gold, Burbank, Abundance, and Mammoth Golden plums. Maximum crop of plums 615 gallons and pecans 14000 lbs. - The biggest overflow we had in May 1943 the water got 14 1/2 ft deep on my place, and in the 25 yrs. I lived near there, we had 35 overflows. I am a single man, was 89 yrs old Nov 11<sup>th</sup> 1945, have retired from work in the fall of 1943. Will gladly answer any other question as to above, wild life there, moonshiners, bootleggers, snakes etc.

Respectfully Yours

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MAY 1

Enclosed from letter of Dec. 2, 1944, is a letter from  
 an answer to some note that I never had  
 a commercial that was necessary, but only  
 samples which I could not use to people in  
 neighborhood. My findings are all in one  
 volume of 200 cases and located in Peter's  
 No. 2000 district No. 1. - As the district  
 district contains 20,000 cases its length is 20  
 all good black soil, it looked to me like a  
 place to invest my savings, my desire was a  
 can farm but this turned out to be a failure  
 failure the same quick and gave some quick  
 but since all former crops just the same,  
 the material will be left from these cases  
 investment of which I had 1,000 trees all over 20 years  
 old, having but in 14 years as a boy and young man  
 in a fruit tree movement that should not be  
 money known as the fruit of Washington D.C.  
 some thanks to me, I have at this time 1000 bearing  
 from trees averaging 2 ft in diameter and 3000  
 from trees from 1 to 20 ft high about 1/2 of them  
 berries as well from clump grafted and budded  
 Gold, Redbank, Columbia, and Mammoth Golden  
 Maximum crop of plums 615 gallons and pears 1400  
 lbs. - The biggest crop of apples was had in May 1943  
 water got up to top of my place and in the 25  
 I had near there, we had 20 overflows.  
 I am a single man, now 89 years old, I was born  
 natural from work in the fall of 1943.  
 Will gladly answer any other question as to above  
 with life there, and wish to see you.

Respectfully Yours

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